

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Resources
Washington, DC 20515

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Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow:

As you are aware, Congress is currently considering the disposition of the "California Bay-Delta Environmental Enhancement and Water Security Act." This legislation may have far reaching implications regarding the future of California's environment as well as its economy. Since many of the references in the bill relate to the CALFED Program, I would like you to provide my office with clarification as to certain terms and concepts presented in Section 2 of the bill.

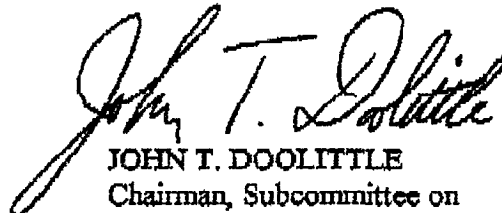
Could you please clarify what "ecosystem restoration elements" are, how they are selected for inclusion in the CALFED process, and what their objectives will be?

Please clarify the difference (if any) between the terms "ecosystem restoration elements" and that of the "Ecosystem Restoration Program of the CALFED."

Finally, would you please indicate the differences between the ecosystem restoration elements as described in the bill and the Category III programs as defined in the "Principles for Agreement on Bay-Delta Standards Between the State of California and the Federal Government?"

I would very much appreciate your timely response to my letter so that I may more effectively evaluate the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Subcommittee on
Water and Power Resources